Sissano language

Sissano is an Austronesian language spoken by at most a few hundred people around Sissano in Aitape District, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea. 4,800 speakers were reported in 1990, but the 1998 tsunami wiped out most of the population.[1]

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Region	Aitape District, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	300 (2000)[1]
Language family	Austronesian - Malayo-Polynesian - Oceanic - Western - Schouten - Siau **Sissano**
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sso
Glottolog	siss1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/siss1243)[2]

Phonology

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	i		u
Mid	e	(ə)	o
Low		a	

Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal		m	n		ŋ	
Plosive	voiceless	p	t		k	ʔ
	voiced	(b)	(d)		(g)	
Fricative	voiceless		s			
	voiced	β			(ɣ)	
Approximant	central			j		
	lateral		l	ʎ		
Rhotic			r			

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